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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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**REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.113 and 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of October 18, 2008, made final, in the above-identified patent application, Applicant requests entry of the following amendment, which revises the claims to clarify a distinguishing feature of the present invention, yet, it is believed, does not raise any new issues. (This reply is being filed on January 18, 2008, and is therefore timely filed.)

**AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.